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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

THE BUREAU WILL NOTE THAT MEMPHIS HAS OPENED A NEW CASE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, IN WHICH TO HANDLE ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

STORIES APPEARING IN THE NEWS MEDIA INDICATE THIS COMMITTEE INTENDS TO HOLD HEARINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1976. IT IS ANTICIPATED HEARINGS WILL BE HELD BY THE COMMITTEE AT MEMPHIS. SINCE IT WILL BE EXPECTED THAT STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTACT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE FOR INFO RE OUR INVESTIGATION OF THE KING MURDER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU FURNISH

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MEMPHIS OFFICE WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT FBI PERSONNEL ARE SUBPOENAED, IN THE EVENT ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO REVIEW FBI FILES, IN THE EVENT EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INTERVIEW FBI PERSONNEL, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFO AVAILABLE TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE.

THIS CASE WAS DIRECTED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS BY NOW RETIRED INSPECTOR JOE SULLIVAN. ON THE DAY RAY'S CAR WAS LOCATED AT ATLANTA, INSPECTOR SULLIVAN LEFT MEMPHIS AND WENT TO THE ATLANTA OFFICE WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HE WAS GIVEN A NEW ASSIGNMENT. THE SAC AT MEMPHIS, ROBERT JENSEN, NOW RETIRED [redacted] TOOK CHARGE OF THE b7c INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS. THE CASE AGENT, SA JOE C. HESTER, IS STILL IN THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, AND MAY WELL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR A SUPBOENA.

DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE KING MURDER AND DUE TO THE MANY DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE INVESTIGATION IT WOULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL TO TESTIFY KNOWLEDGEABLY RE THIS INVESTIGATION. IN THE EVENT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS THAT FBI PERSONNEL ARE TO SUBMIT

TO INTERVIEWS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS WELL ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW TIME FOR RESEARCH BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

IN THE EVENT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE IS CONTACTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OR BY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, NO INFO WILL BE FURNISHED TO THEM WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE BUREAU AND THE CONTACTING INDIVIDUAL WILL BE SO ADVISED.

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